

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: November 9, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:11 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 7:11 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Jackie Nytes, Chair
Patrice Abduallah
Virginia Cain
Lonnell Conley
Marilyn Pfisterer
Isaac Randolph, Jr
Joanne Sanders

ABSENT MEMBERS

AGENDA

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“Do Pass” 7-0

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Update on the Fostering Commercial Urban Strategies (FOCUS) program – presented by Will Pritchard, Senior Program Officer of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, November 9, 2005. Chair Jackie Nytes called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. with the following members present: Patrice Abdullah, Virginia Cain, Lonnell Conley, Marilyn Pfisterer, Isaac Randolph, Jr., and Joanne Sanders.

Chair Nytes asked the Committee for consent to rearrange the agenda to begin with Proposal No. 574, 2005, because additional information is being processed for Proposal No. 559, 2005. The members of the Committee gave consent.

PROPOSAL NO. 574, 2005 - approves the continuation of designation by the state of Indiana as an Enterprise Zone

Pam King, Executive Director, Indianapolis Urban Enterprise Association (IUEA) Board of Directors, said that Inventory Tax is going away and was the primary source of funding for the Enterprise Zone program. She said that before the Legislature took a look at possible funding streams or incentives for businesses, it wanted to determine if the communities around the state wanted the program to continue. She said that all cities have to renew by November 30, 2005, and there are 24 zones around the state. She said that 18 of those zones have already renewed. Indianapolis and Evansville are scheduled on each of their City-County Council's agenda for Monday night, Portage has elected not to continue, and Terre Haute and Jeffersonville are undecided.

Eric Jones, President, IUEA Board of Directors, distributed a handout (Exhibit A) that included some of the Enterprise Zone facts, benefits to having an enterprise zone in Indianapolis, the Enterprise Zone boundary map, and a list of the 2005 IUEA Board of Directors. He said this information explains why there is a need to extend the "zone" for the next four years. [Clerk's note: A copy of Exhibit A is on file in the Council office with the original set of minutes]

Mr. Jones said that the Board provides a point of service for businesses within an enterprise zone because of the knowledge of working with the system and the markets in the area and working with different organizations. For example, he said that a manufacturer in the zone called inquiring about storage for an abundance of equipment that was 50 feet long and three feet wide that needed to be stored immediately. He said that the Board was able to find a place for them to store the equipment right away, which reflects knowledge of the local business community. He said that he believes that the organization serves a purpose that is not served by any other organization and that the Board of Directors met last Thursday to determine whether to ask for the extension, which resulted in a unanimous vote.

Councillor Sanders asked what impact the loss of the Inventory Tax Credit has on actual dollars. Ms. King answered that in 2002, the tax credits collected resulted in about \$425,000, which was used for the Board's unemployment program and neighborhood

services. She said that the revenue will be about \$125,000 for 2005 and for 2006. Without the Inventory Tax Credit, the revenue will be depleted to about \$25,000.

Councillor Abdullallah asked if there are particular boundaries in the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Jones answered in the affirmative and directed the Committee to the map included in Exhibit A. He said that the boundaries are controlled by legislation and limits the area and number of residents. Councillor Abdullallah said that he likes the idea of being in collaboration, having the opportunity for people to obtain jobs, and distributing wealth and opportunities that stimulate growth in the community. Ms. King invited Councillor Abdullallah to stop by IUEA to talk with the staff and hear more about the projects.

Councillor Conley asked how much additional time is needed to complete the work. Ms. King said that the zone program statute (Indiana law) requires that a designation from the State is a ten-year designation with the possibility of two five-year extensions, with the maximum length of an Enterprise Zone designation of 20 years. She said that the Board has completed the first ten years and the first five year extension, and beginning next year the Board will begin the final four years to do all that is possible for the area.

Councillor Randolph asked how the Board defines a well-paying job in terms of salary range. Ms. King said that many residents of the Enterprise Zone lack education and job experience; therefore, the usual County minimum is often not readily attainable to the people in that area. She said that the Board encourages those people and helps them work up to higher numbers, but a goal of the Board is to try to get someone in at least a \$9 to \$10 dollar per hour job. She said that is what the Board considers a good job for someone who does not yet possess a GED or has a GED, but does not have good work history.

Councillor Randolph asked if the Board is allowed to give the name of the company that has yielded additional jobs. Ms. King said that she is unsure, but she can say that the company is a very old manufacturing firm, that has been around Indianapolis for many years. This company will probably be closing on a New Markets Tax Credits loan before the end of the year and will be locating a new facility in Keystone Enterprise Park.

Councillor Randolph asked which industries tend to flourish best as start-up businesses in these core urban areas. Ms. King said that the Board sees more small manufacturing and assembly because many of the buildings in the area are old and may not work well for businesses involving newer technologies. She said that the small manufacturing and assembly companies are also more willing to hire from around the neighborhood.

Councillor Randolph asked if a comprehensive summary of the progression of the program can be sent so that the Council can petition the Federal government or the State for the extension. Ms. King said that she can provide the requested information and that Indiana law currently states that a municipality, once its 20-year designation is up for a zone, can decide to reapply for a new 20-year zone and it may be in the same location or move to another economically disadvantaged area within the city. She said that it may be a good idea to encourage legislation not to change that law, but that it may also require

approval by the Indiana Development Corporation and the Economic Development Corporation.

Councillor Pfisterer asked which charter schools are being assisted by the Board. Ms. King said that one of the organizations is Lighthouse, which has two charter schools in Indianapolis and has been asked to consider others. She said the Board is also working with the people of the Herron charter school and has been asked for assistance from the Oaks Academy, which is a private school. She said that there is a limited amount of available funds and the Board does not make the decision as to who it is awarded, but has worked to put emphasis on as many good projects as possible.

Councillor Pfisterer asked what financial responsibility the City assumes by approving the designation. Ms. King said that the Board does not receive any financial assistance from the City as of December 31st. She said that the Board currently has a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract to provide employment services, but was not able to secure that funding for next year.

Chair Nytes asked what the Board anticipates as a revenue source going forward if the Committee renews the zone. Ms. King said that the Board has been very successful at obtaining Federal funding. She said that the Board has received some Federal grants and has also been invited by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Association (EDA) to apply for additional funding. She said that the Board currently has Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) credits from the State available for sale and that there are a number of other programs and projects underway from a variety of different funding streams. She said that the Board receives a small funding stream through a New Markets Tax Credits placement service. Chair Nytes asked what the budgeted amount is for next year. Ms. King said between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

Chair Nytes asked Ms. King to explain the policy change that is represented by the new State legislation with regard to renewal. Ms. King said that last session, the Legislature passed a ten-year, 100% tax abatement within an Enterprise Zone for companies making improvements to property or purchasing new equipment as long as it was to create or retain jobs. She said that ten-year abatement does not impact current property taxes that are being collected by the City and the County; those taxes will continue. This abatement would be on any improvements or new equipment purchases that a business would make. She said that it is important to note that the “zone” will only be in Indianapolis for four more years. The Department of Local Finance is creating a form called the EZ2 that businesses would have to complete and submit to the County Auditor to receive credit, which has to be done annually. Five years from now, a business would not be able to receive this credit because it will no longer be in a “zone”; therefore, in Indianapolis’ case, it is technically a four-year, 100% tax abatement. Ms. King said that other cities that have zones are very excited about this abatement as a potential to attract businesses.

Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Sanders, to send Proposal No. 574, 2005, to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Chair Nytes recognized Steve Scott and Tony Bates, members of the IUEA Board.

PROPOSAL NO. 559, 2005 - approves the amounts, locations, and programmatic operation of certain projects to be funded from Community Development Grant Funds

Margaret Lawrence Banning, Administrator for Community Economic Development, Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD), introduced Jennifer Fults, Assistant Administrator for Community Resources DMD. Ms. Banning gave a presentation on the Annual Action Plan (Exhibit B), which is a part of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements for funding of DMD Formula grants. [Clerk's note: A full printout of Exhibit B is on file in the Council office with the original set of minutes] Ms. Banning said that a Consolidated Plan, a five-year plan from 2005-2009, was developed that included community input and research of community conditions and needs to develop over-arching goals to address with the Formula Grant funds. The Annual Action Plan is done once a year to update and list specific objectives to accomplish what would implement the overall goals of the Consolidated Plan. Ms. Banning's presentation included:

- An overview of the Consolidated Plan
- Description and amount of the five current Formula grants
- Initiatives done to obtain public input and identify community needs
- Concern issues gathered from surveys
- Information on Federal Fund applications
- Plans to increase the availability of safe, decent, and affordable housing
- Plans to prevent homelessness for special needs populations and persons at-risk of homelessness
- Plans to increase educational opportunities
- Plans to support capital enterprise development for job creation
- Plans to eliminate unsafe buildings and sites
- Plans to combine housing opportunities with social and public services
 - Relatively new focus to provide people with housing, but also to help them stay in those houses.
- Other initiatives to be undertaken in 2006
 - Eliminate impediments to fair housing choice
 - Created a brochure to help potential home buyers and renters to understand the law, individual rights, and knowledge of resources if discrimination is suspected.
 - Increase Minority/Women Business Enterprise (WBE/MBE) participation
 - Working with the City's Office of Employment Opportunities (OEO) and the Department of Administration to require Community Development Corporations (CDC) to meet the City's goals of 15% Minority business participation and 8% Women-owned business participation in any 2006 contracts and in the policy manual for any Federal funding received.
 - DMD will also work with the CDCs to provide outreach and networking with minority businesses and with minority businesses who are interested in obtaining contract work with the CDCs.

DMD will also help those businesses to understand the requirements of working with Federal money and help the minority businesses that are already working with the CDCs to become certified.

- If CDCs do not meet the newly required MBE/WBE participation goals on a quarterly basis, information must be provided regarding how bids were put out, to whom the bids were put out, who responded to the bids, and how the decision was made for the bids that were rewarded
- DMD will be working with the purchasing office in the City to distribute notification of the bids to ensure that the pool is broadened and it is the widest distribution available
- Use comprehensive approach to community development
 - DMD is working with Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), the Indianapolis Coalition of Neighborhood Development (ICND), and the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center (INRC) to examine how community development services are provided throughout the community and other elements to address with the limited resources.
- Focus on rehabilitation of existing units to address abandoned housing

Chair Nytes asked why some of the five-year goals under the support of capital enterprise development for job creation plan are less than the 2006 targets. Ms. Banning said that the larger number for 2006 is due to one grant applicant that came in to do some extraordinary job training and placement in a very efficient manner, and if that applicant applies again, the numbers will need to be adjusted to reflect that.

Councillor Pfisterer asked, in regard to increasing MBE/WBE participation, if there is an initiative to encourage the MBE/WBE companies to respond and participate in the Request for Quotation (RFQ) process. Ms. Banning said that is the reason that DMD is looking to provide training for the contractors and vendors, to increase awareness of the available opportunities, what has to be done to be eligible to perform the work, and match those contractors or vendors with the CDCs. She said that DMD cannot force contractors and vendors to complete the request process, but the City's purchasing office will send out the bid notifications for the CDCs to increase contractors and vendors awareness of the opportunities and availability.

Councillor Sanders said that she believes that something is working because before the goals were raised in both categories, the Department of Administration gave a presentation last year that showed that the CDCs had already actively been at those goals. She said she would suggest that awareness is being raised, not necessarily as well as it could be, but that the goals have already practically doubled. Ms. Banning said that the point is that as more work is made available and the organizational ability of the small businesses is raised, those businesses may obtain more contracts.

Councillor Abdullah distributed a handout (Exhibit C), which included a letter from Ms. Banning regarding MBE/WBE report, a letter from Ms. Banning regarding MBE/WBE participation, a letter from Ms. Jennifer Fults with a summary of the 2006 proposed activities, and a summary of MBE activity with CDCs. [Clerk's note: A full printout of Exhibit C is on file in the Council office with the original set of minutes.] Councillor Abdullah said that he has been asking for about two years to see what the snapshot is of the local CDCs. He said that the CDCs, with the new acceleration and support of the community, neighborhood groups and administration, have done quite an outstanding job, but there are some necessary improvements. He said that when he looked over the MBE activity report, he was impressed that the Community of Greater Indianapolis (CAGI) did a wonderful job with providing African Americans with contracts. But in his district, the Westside Community Development Corporation (WCDC) awarded nine of eleven contracts to White American contractors and none to African American contractors. Councillor Abdullah said that he is very concerned with this report and feels that all CDCs should be doing a good job of trying to certify MBE/WBEs. He said that the housing stock in the Haughville area has risen over 207% and should be commended for that. He said when crime in those neighborhoods is examined; those monies that could have been distributed into the neighborhoods could have made a difference by giving individuals the opportunity for jobs. He said that he would like to ensure that there is some direction to be able to put emphasis and responsibility of compliance on each individual CDC and the use of a probationary program if compliance is not met.

Chair Nytes asked if she is correct in the understanding that the intent is now to increase the requirements by making it specific that each individual contract must comply with the City's participation requirements. Ms. Banning answered in the affirmative and said that there were no requirements prior to now and that HUD only required that the information be tracked. She said that each contract is now required to meet the participation requirements and if not, must provide documentation as stated in the information above.

Councillor Randolph asked if there is a distinction in the targeted goal numbers for programs such as homelessness, between the people who return and people who are entering the program for the first time. Ms. Banning that depends on the individual program, who those programs serve, and how those numbers are tracked. Ms. Fults said that there are specific outcomes included in the contracts of individual programs, so the numbers are of the people who have achieved the outcomes. Councillor Randolph is simply concerned that the goal numbers may be flawed depending on how programs count entering participants. It is important that the goal numbers reflect the facts and determine whether the participants are new to the program or returning.

Councillor Randolph asked if there will be an opportunity for a variety of minority businesses to obtain contracts as opposed to one major minority company being able to dominate on all contracts offered. Ms. Banning said that DMD is working with the OEO to ensure that small minority businesses are aware of the contracts so that competition is feasible. She said that the name of the companies that have been awarded contracts will

be included with the quarterly reports that have to be provided by the CDCs; therefore, DMD can observe if only one company is being used.

Earl Morgan, Department of Administration (DOA), said that his department, DMD, and the CDC operators met last week and developed a good understanding of what is expected with the participation requirements and increasing awareness of the MBE/WBE businesses. He said that information is being pushed to those that demonstrate an interest and a desire to do business in a subcontracting and contracting arena and are expecting those businesses to respond. He said that the meeting with the CDC revealed that they not only want a projection of opportunities made available, but also expect immediate response from the businesses. He said that type of training and requirements is what the DOA is going to provide to small businesses in a training program and outreach service to supply an understanding of the rules of engagement.

Councillor Conley asked if the bids are sent out to everyone at the same time for the opportunity to bid on contracts. He said that it would seem almost impossible, if a business is receiving a correct, timely manner of a bid, not to take advantage of the opportunity. Mr. Morgan said that the process in the past was to make notification, publications, and circulations with the expectation and understanding that those interested would attend the publications and submit a bid. He said the new process has allowed the DOA to gather email addresses on all businesses that are certified with the DOA, and will allow information to invite the businesses to bid, give additional information needed to make good business decisions, provide access to do take-offs electronically or at particular locations to prevent a trip to purchase the information. Councillor Conley asked if better consistency should be noticed with the new training. Mr. Morgan answered in the affirmative.

Chair Nytes asked if this new initiative increases exposure of minority businesses for those CDCs that have not done as much business with minority contractors. Mr. Morgan answered in the affirmative. Chair Nytes said that she thinks that the DOA providing this service for the CDCs will be a great step.

Councillor Pfisterer gave the example that if she was a business owner and was looking for a service and had access to a group of MBE/WBE businesses that fit the need, then created an RFQ and faxed it to all the businesses that she wanted a response from at the same time that included a date for response, it would give all the companies the opportunity to respond.

Councillor Randolph asked if, in measuring the number of CDCs who increase the number of MBE/WBE businesses used, there could be a subset to measure the number of new businesses that are included. Mr. Morgan said that the new businesses that get certified or added to the DOA list will be shared with the CDC operators as well as get added to the list of projected opportunities.

Councillor Abdullallah said that he is encouraged with what he is hearing of the plans. He asked if the Councillors can receive some feedback as to the monthly activity of the

CDCs quickly as opposed to finding out about problems six months into the process. He asked what disciplinary action will be done if individuals are not meeting the expected responsibilities. He also asked why it takes two years for constituents to get housing repairs completed. Chair Nytes said that, in response to the repairs not being completed, there was \$21 million in requests and only \$13 million dollars was available to answer those requests. Ms. Banning said that the CDCs report on a quarterly basis of the contract dollars and to whom the contracts are going. She said that the awards will not be made until February; therefore, the money will not go out until then. At that point, the CDCs put together the speculations for construction projects and by the time the actual work is awarded and completed, it will be summer. Consequently, no reporting will be able to be accurately given until around June or September to note the impact of the new requirements is having. She said that enforcement of the guidelines will result in all bid documents being made available as stated in the plan to increase MBE/WBE participation. She said that the CDCs are community-based organizations and are responsive to their community constituents; thus, the community needs to respond in some way. She said that the problem with homeowner repairs is, as Chair Nytes stated, there is not enough money. She said that all of the CDCs have homeowners on waiting lists for years sometimes; for example, if a CDC is working to complete 18 home repairs one year, there are probably 50 people that have signed up to get repairs done. She said that another issue may be problems with contractors not being as responsive to the homeowners as they should be. She said that one of the added benefits that is expected with this new initiative is to raise the level of professionalism and responsiveness of the contractors and offering training in customer service and timeliness. She said that DMD is also looking at ways to stretch dollars and other revolving pools of money other than grants.

Mr. Morgan said that the contractors are out there and, as a result of the now understood needs of DMD and the CDCs and the conversations taking place tonight, will readily convey their availability. He said that there have also been new certification packets sent out to businesses to renew if certification is no longer valid.

Councillor Sanders suggested that Councillor Abdullah work with DMD and DOA to ensure the receipt of the reports on a quarterly basis especially if constituents are calling with information contrary to what is reflected on the reports. She also suggested that the process of reporting be established and put in writing so that everyone will understand what is expected and what the consequences of noncompliance are.

Councillor Sanders asked if the retention parameters for people who receive job training grants are the same for everyone. Ms. Fults answered in the affirmative and stated that it is a 180-day retention. Councillor Sanders asked if the wage parameters run differently for different organizations depending on the population. Ms. Banning answered in the affirmative.

Chair Nytes said that there are a variety of organizations across the community who come to the Committee with program concepts and ideas for funds. The message that should be taken from this meeting is that it is strongly encouraged that all the service providers

and programs should look for ways to increase participation by minority and women-owned businesses in every aspect of the individual programming.

Councillor Randolph moved, seconded by Councillor Conley, to forward Proposal No. 559, 2005, to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 588, 2005 - a final resolution for LDG-IND, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$11,100,000 which consists of the acquisition and rehabilitation of the existing 256-unit multifamily housing rental project currently known as Fox Run Apartments (to be renamed Cambridge Station Apartments, Phase II) located at 523 Tomahawk Trail (District 13)

Rod Morgan, Attorney with Stewart and Irwin, said that he is representing the Economic Development Commission (EDC) and introduced Jim Crawford, Bond Counsel at Krieg DeVault, and Kristin Holsman, Asset Manager for the developer. Mr. Morgan said he came before the Committee recently for an extension of the Inducement Resolution for the project that is located on the west side of Indianapolis off of Tibbs Street and this is the second phase for this project. Phase I was funded and is currently under renovation. He said that City officials went out to look at the project and he is very pleased with the work that is being done by the developer. He said this project is a 256-unit housing rental project, and since inducement, nothing has substantially changed. He added that there was a public hearing on this project on November 2nd that was conducted by the EDC and that no members of the public appeared to make comments. The EDC unanimously recommended approval of the final resolution and that Councillor Salisbury is in support of this project, as well as Phase I, as it is in his district. He said that the community groups in the area are excited about the project and the developer recognizes that the bonds, when and if issued, will not be an obligation of the City of Indianapolis, that there will be no tax revenues utilized to repay the bonds, and that the project is currently on the tax rolls and will remain there.

Mr. Crawford said that the bonds will have credit enhancement from Fannie May and it is expected to have AAA rating when the bonds are sold. He said that the developer has entered into a written agreement with the Indianapolis Housing Agency (IHA), which is called a Wait List Agreement, to give priority to persons that are on the agencies wait list for occupancy as tenants in this project. This is approximately a \$15 million project and the first project was about \$10 million; this represents about \$25 million in capital investment for the developer in 456 units of affordable housing.

Councillor Abdullah asked if the opportunity will be given for minority businesses to be a part of the work. Mr. Crawford answered in the affirmative. Councillor Abdullah asked if it would provide opportunity for individuals living in the area to apply for jobs or employment with the contractors or the developer. Ms. Holsman answered in the affirmative.

Chair Nytes asked if any additional jobs will be anticipated at the completion of the renovations. Ms. Holsman answered in the affirmative. She said that with an additional 256 units, there will definitely be opportunity for more jobs created in management level, maintenance level, and yearly contractors.

Councillor Randolph moved, seconded by Councillor Sanders, to forward Proposal No. 588, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Update on the Fostering Commercial Urban Strategies (FOCUS) program – presented by Will Pritchard, Senior Program Officer of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

Mr. Pritchard said that FOCUS is a program that was created a few years ago by the City of Indianapolis, Indianapolis Coalition for Neighborhood Development (ICND), LISC, and the Chamber of Commerce. He distributed a handout of his presentation (Exhibit D) that highlighted the following:

- The goal of the program
- The strategies of the program
- Information on the Commercial Corridor Program
 - Commercial Corridor Revitalization
 - The five corridors
 - Initial steps
- Economic Development Tools
 - Economic Development Toolbox
 - Evaluation measures
 - Accomplishments from January – June '05
 - Website topics

Mr. Pritchard said that a sixth and possibly a seventh corridor is going to be added with Requests for Proposals (RFP) going out next week to neighborhood groups to become involved in the program. He said that LISC is committing to a full-time staff person and funding for the next three years to do a plan on the new corridor.

Chair Nytes asked if a corridor gets selected by a neighborhood organization illustrating a need and sending the proposal to LISC. Mr. Pritchard answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Conley asked if the sixth one would depend on the feedback received from the RFPs. Mr. Pritchard answered in the affirmative. He said that after the RFPs have gone out, the neighborhood groups would be given about a month to respond. After the RFPs are received, a committee made up of all partners will evaluate all proposals and select the sixth corridor.

Chair Nytes asked if the corridors are limited geographically. Mr. Pritchard answered in the negative. Councillor Pfisterer said that she is very aware of an area that appends one of the areas mentioned, which is the west Washington Street corridor. She said that she

knows that there is interest by a group in that area to add or expand that corridor. She asked if an eminent domain will be used to acquire the sites. Mr. Pritchard answered in the negative.

Councillor Randolph said that there are districts in the suburbs that have pockets of poverty and declination and asked what the criteria is that will be used to determine what corridors can benefit from the program. He asked if Mr. Pritchard would send him a copy of the presentation and information on the criteria requirements. Mr. Pritchard said that he would send a copy of the RFP to the Committee, as it contains some of the criteria.

Chair Nytes thanked Mr. Pritchard for the presentation. She said that as a Council, it creates a wonderful opportunity to spread the word throughout the city about great programs such as this, and often there are hard working people doing the programs and the Council does not have a chance to be as aware of them as possible.

CONCLUSION

With no further business, and upon motion duly made, the Economic Development Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Nytes, Chair

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